

Nova Woodturners Guild

Annual General Meeting

Date: June 21, 2021 - Zoom Meeting platform (online)

The Annual General Meeting of the Nova Woodturners Guild was called to order by President Gary Landry at 7:03pm with 13 members present.

1. Agenda:

The Agenda for the AGM was presented and approved. Motion Gary Landry; Seconded Dave McLachlan– approved.

2. 2020 AGM Minutes:

The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were read. No additions or corrections were raised. Motion to Accept the 2020 AGM Minutes as presented Calum Ewing; Seconded Gary Landry – approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Bill Maes pointed out that a number of successful turning challenges were held over the year, and some of this activity was covered in an article in the Chronicle-Herald
- Members were also reminded that several members supported the local Beirut Relief fundraising auction by donating pieces for sale.

4. Reports:

a. President's Report

President Gary Landry read his annual report on the 2020-21 year. Gary's report was previously circulated by email. Highlighted items:

- Gary has all but one of the items previously submitted for the competition in his care, one member retrieved his entry for safe keeping
- Gary corrected the spelling of Harvey Meyer's name in the circulated report

Gary Moved Acceptance of the President's Report; Seconded by Bill Maes – approved.

b. Treasurer's Report

Dave McLachlan distributed his 2020-21 Financial Report for the Guild:

- The Guild has had significant revenue shortfall on the 202-21 budget, due largely to a decrease in membership dues with 38 paid members, down from the anticipated 45. The total Dues revenue was \$1520. There was no competition revenue.
- Expenses were up significantly:
 - a. the Insurance policy costs increased from \$725 to \$1056. The membership portion of the costs increased to \$725 from \$625
- There were no social event (BBQ, Christmas Social) expenses
- Total Revenues: \$1820.00
- Total Expenses: \$1976.11
- Net (Loss) (\$156.11)

- Chequing Account:	Opening Balance:	\$5725.58
	Closing Balance:	<u>5569.47</u>
	NET	-156.11
- Savings Account:	Opening Balance:	\$2086.93
	Closing Balance:	<u>2101.99</u>
	NET	15.06
- Balance for the Year (Loss)		-141.05

2.

Dave then presented the 2021/22 Budget:

- Due to current health restrictions and not being able to meet in person, we are projecting membership to be down a bit, at 38 members with membership revenues at \$1800
- We are estimating additional costs for running two competitions within the same year to get back on the normal schedule
- We are budgeting costs for one IRD at some point in the year
- There is some savings from not having a summer BBQ social of approximately \$100
- The projected balance in the 2021-22 budget is a deficit of \$410. With a current balance in the bank of over \$5000, the Guild should be able to easily withstand such a loss in the coming year.

Dave Moved Acceptance of the Financial Report as presented; Seconded by Dianne Looker – approved.

c. Appointment of Auditors

- As an audit for the previous year has not been completed at this point, Dave McLachlan proposed doing an audit of two years in one step and proposed the auditors appointed last year (Brian Sharp and Don Shubaly) continue as Auditors
- Motion to appoint Brian Sharp and Don Shubaly as Auditors to do a 2 year audit, pending their approval; Motion Dave McLachlan, seconded Gary Landry
- Robert Atkinson proposed an amendment to the motion granting Dave McLachlan the authority to appoint other auditors if either Brian or Don are unavailable. Motion Dave McLachlan, seconded Gary Landry– approved.

d. Nominations Committee

Bill Maes chaired the Nomination Committee and reported his disappointment in the difficulty getting volunteers to stand for positions. Bill presented the slate of Officers for 2019-20, as follows:

Directors

President	vacant
Vice-President	Bill Maes
Treasurer	David McLachlan
Secretary	Calum Ewing
Director at Large	vacant

Other positions

Library Chair(s)	Jim Diamond & Richard Ford
Newsletter	Norm Jolivet
Competition Chair	vacant
Membership Chair	vacant
Nominations Chair	Bill Maes
Website Chair	Richard Ford
Fundraising Chair(s)	Yogi Gutz & Norm Jolivet
Photographer	Chris Palmer

Bill called for nominations for the President, Director at Large or any other positions, making three calls for nominations:

- Dianne Looker nominated Gary Landry as President – accepted
- Gary Landry nominated Bill Maes as Competition Chair - accepted
- Norm Jolilvet nominated Brian Sharp to stand as Director at Large

Bill Maes moved acceptance of the slate officers as presented; seconded by Dianne Looker – approved.

5. Old Business

- a. Dave McLachlan reported that e-Transfers for membership dues are currently being deposited to his personal account. He has checked with the Credit Union and they will accept e-Transfers but will charge a fee of \$1.75 per transfer. Dave is happy to continue receiving e-transfers into his account but wants to make sure the membership approves of this practice. After brief discussion, the consensus is that the members are fine with this situation and have not seen any problems with it.

6. New Business

a. Women in Turning (WIT) Event

Dianne Looker reported that she is participating in the AAW's Women in Turning group's collaboration event this year. 27 teams of participants will be making collaborative projects. Teams have been given random words as inspiration and the results will be posted on the WIT website. Dianne will post additional information as it becomes available.

b. Updated Competition Forms

Robert Atkinson raised a concern that the revised competition entry forms lack contact information for the entrants (eg. Phone #, email address, etc.). This information is required on the packing boxes but is lacking on the forms where it would be useful for the competition organizers.

Gary Landry will investigate this omission and discuss with the Executive.

7. Adjournment

Gary Landry moved adjourning the AGM; seconded by Calum Ewing. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

NOVA WOODTURNERS' GUILD

2021 – 2022

So here I sit writing another report that has to begin by reflecting on the effects of the COVID pandemic on our Guild. We still have not been able to meet in person due to multiple factors either directly related to pandemic regulations or side effects of the pandemic. While we will be welcome at Lee Valley we have to wait until company policies allow us to use the space. We have had to rely on the technology of the Zoom platform to hold virtual meetings all year.

I believe that we still had a year that was as successful as last year and then some. Our membership numbers remain relatively strong and attendance at our Zoom sessions, while variable, was pretty good. This year we even managed to have two Internet Remote Demos due to our strong financial position and the reduced cost relative to the days when we had to fly in and house/feed demonstrators. Even after we can meet again in person, this may be the way to get quality demos done at an affordable rate.

And then the big news...we managed to hold an Annual Turning Competition! We had a hiccup or two along the way but we got it done. The main problem was securing judges. And when we did finally get three judges we had one who had to withdraw almost at the last moment because he was called to jury duty. We carried on with the two remaining judges and things went very well. Our thanks to the judges, the Competition Committee, of course, under Bill Maes and Dave McLachlan acting as photographer. Thanks also to Lee Valley for hosting the exhibition. COVID prohibited us from presenting live demonstrations but the pieces on exhibit were well received and viewed by many. Our sponsors showed great flexibility and allowed us to use the gifts they donated for the previous year's competition that had to be postponed due to a lockdown. We hope that the 2022 competition will be even bigger, better and more open to face to face activities.

Once again I must acknowledge the great efforts made by our membership and executive during the last year. As President, I could not have kept the Guild going on my own. I have been supported all along the way by a great executive who have always had the best interests of the Guild and our membership in their minds. The membership continued to support the Guild in spite of what has to be a demoralizing set of circumstances not the least of which is our inability to meet in person. I thank you for renewing your memberships and keeping the Guild not only alive but active. I also thank you for making the most of our circumstances and participating in our virtual meetings and the turning competition. Finally I must thank you for having the faith in the Guild, in whatever form it has had to take, and showing up not only as an audience but as participants who had questions, provided answers and advice, presented demos and participated in show and tell.

My hope for the coming year is that it is one that, as much as possible, is more like pre-pandemic times.

Thank you to you all for your support over the past year.

Submitted by:
Gary Landry – President

June 9,2022

Financial Report 2021-2022 completed by David McLachlan

This has been another Covid altered year, it has thrown off our financial projections for 2021-22 considerably since we were planning to have in-person meetings again for this fiscal year, but this was not to transpire.

Overall our membership dropped to 30 members, from our proposed 45 members expected for 2021-22 and since we did not have in-person meetings we did not have any income from meeting raffles. These two events considerably dropped in our projected Guild income from \$3,450 to only \$1,525, less than half of what was projected.

We also found ourselves faced with a substantial increase in our Guild insurance, which would have been more than our income from membership dues. The decision was made due to the increases in the insurance rate and the lack of interest by any members in the individual instruction coverage, which increased to \$100 per person and was part of what the Guild would have to pay regardless of uptake by individual members. This decision allowed us to stay more or less financially viable.

Our competition expenses were slightly different this year, as we had to rent a space to conduct the judging, as Lee Valley was unavailable to us due to Covid restrictions established by their head office. We were able to rent space at the Bedford United Church for \$225. This expense was somewhat offset by the last minute unavailability of one of our three judges, so we only had two judges to recompense for their services. We also had the added expense of \$42.18 to send out by Canada Post some results to participants. (Many thanks to William Maes who took care of all of the administration and coordination duties for the competition). The total cost for the competition was \$796.22, which was less than half of the \$1550 projected for this event.

Also this year we did not run any social events (Annual BBQ or Xmas social) so there were no costs associated with them. Also since we were not holding in person meetings there were no additional costs for nametags and business cards although normally we budget \$100 to cover such items.

We had no subscriptions due this year so our only cost was \$21.85 for a new book on utilizing bowl cores in artistic ways. Our website costs were only \$24.36 this year versus the \$225 in the budget (due to multi-year website billing).

We had an increase in actual miscellaneous costs this fiscal that was largely due to us having two IRD presentations, which were \$451.94 and \$250. The other item that fell under the miscellaneous category was two sets of carbide tips for the Guild's Bowl Saver tool at a cost of \$68.18. This brought the total miscellaneous costs to \$770.12. (It should be noted that the Executive preapproved all of these purchases.)

Lastly we collected \$115 for Feed Nova Scotia at our annual competition, thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Our **Total Income** was **\$1,525.00** and our **Total Expenses** were **\$1,850.42**, which resulted in a **Net Loss** of **-\$325.42**.

Our Opening Balances were:

Chequing: \$5,585.47

First Rate Savings: \$2,102

Our Closing Balances were:

Chequing: \$5,260.26

First Rate Savings: \$2,110.55

My new Projected Budget for 2022-23 can be seen on the attached file. This budget is based on in-person meetings and 35 paid members. Some items such as insurance have been deleted as we are no longer carrying this insurance. Unlike previous years I have included the cost for one IRD. Depending on whether the motion carries for us to drop our AAW affiliation or not the AAW membership fee for executive directors may be dropped from \$100 to \$0. The current projection is for us to have a Total Income of \$2,600, Total Expenses of \$2,669.50 for a projected loss of -\$69.50.

Budget 2021-2022

	<i>(Projected)</i>	Actual
Membership Dues	\$1,800.00 45	\$1,200.00 30 members
Raffle and Miscellaneous Sales	\$800.00	\$0.00
Competition Entry Fees	\$500.00	\$210.00
Instructors Insurance collected	\$250.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$115.00
	\$3,450.00	\$1,525.00
Canadian Society of Woodworkers Dues	\$50.00	\$0.00
Insurance (through CSW association)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
AAW Membership Fees	\$100.00	\$0.00
Bank Service Fees	\$48.00	\$48.00
Registry of Joint Stocks	\$31.50	\$0.00
Competition expenses	\$1,550.00	\$796.22
Annual BBQ expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00
Xmas Social	\$40.00	\$0.00
Fun Turn	\$40.00	\$75.00
Raffle Prize expenses	\$150.00	\$0.00
Library Additions	\$250.00	\$21.85
Name Tags and Business Cards	\$100.00	\$0.00
Website Fees	\$100.00	\$24.23
miscellaneous expenses	\$200.00	\$770.12
Donations	\$100.00	\$115.00
Total Expenses	\$3,859.50	\$1,850.42
Net Income/Loss	-\$409.50	-\$325.42
Opening balance:		
Chequing Account		\$5,585.47
Savings Account		\$2,102.90
Closing balance:		
Chequing Account		\$5,260.26
Savings Account		\$2,110.55

Budget 2022-2023

(Projected)

Membership Dues	\$1,400.00	35 members
Raffle and Miscellaneous Sales	\$800.00	
Competition Entry Fees	\$300.00	
Donations	\$100.00	

Total Income **\$2,600.00**

AAW Membership Fees	\$100.00
Bank Service Fees	\$48.00
Registry of Joint Stocks	\$31.50
Competition expenses	\$1,000.00
Annual BBQ expenses	\$100.00
Xmas Social	\$40.00
Fun Turn	\$50.00
Raffle Prize expenses	\$150.00
Library Additions	\$250.00
Name Tags and Business Cards	\$100.00
Website Fees	\$200.00

IRD/Guest Demonstrator \$300

miscellaneous expenses \$200.00

Donations \$100.00

Total Expenses **\$2,669.50**

Net Income/Loss **-\$69.50**

Nova Woodturners' Guild

Statement of newsletter activities for the 2021 – 2022 season.

The Turning Point provides a record of the monthly activities of the Guild and its members. The majority of the content is submitted by the members themselves.

There has been advertising done on behalf of the Guild and some members woodturning oriented sidelines but nothing has been charged for these services.

On the other hand....

No costs were incurred for paper, ink, stationary or postage.

Therefore,

Income	\$0.00
Expenses	<u>-\$0.00</u>
To Guild	\$0.00

Norm Jolivet
Editor

Nova Woodturners' Guild

Statement of raffle activities for the 2021 – 2022 season.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, no raffles were held, again.

Moneys collected from raffles.	\$0.00
Moneys collected from sales.	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$0.00
Less	
Expenses submitted to the Guild	<u>-\$0.00</u>
Moneys submitted to the Guild	\$0.00

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

Library Report for 2021-22

The NWG library contains roughly 1,200 items available for loan to members. We have roughly 70 books, 90 DVDs, and a few tools; the rest of the library items are issues of a variety of magazines, most notably *Woodturning* and the *American Woodturner*. A list of available materials can be found on the NWG web site.

The library materials are administered by me (periodicals and tools) and Richard Ford (books and videos).

The library continues to subscribe to the following periodicals:

- (1) *Woodturning* (Guild of Master Craftsman)
- (2) *American Woodturner* (the journal of the American Association of Woodturners)

Aside from the new issues of these magazines, this year we added some recordings of some of the on-line demos the Guild participated in this year. Richard has created some DVDs of these, since the demonstrators (understandably) do not want the videos generally available on the internet.

The usage of library materials hit an all-time low last year, and that record was (sadly) tied this year. Richard and I hope that members will be able to take advantage of the library materials starting again in the fall, especially since that would likely mean we are meeting in person again. (And the people who have had materials out for two years will hopefully be able to find them to return them!)

As always, we would like to remind all members that, although the library has a modest annual budget, we are open to suggestions for new books, videos, magazines and tools. Having said that, our “policy” for tools is that they should be items that the average turner either wants to use only rarely or might like to try out before purchasing one.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Diamond (chair)

May 23, 2022

Nova Wood Turners Guild

Prepared by Richard Ford

Website Report 2021-22

Note: In this report I am reporting the activity for January to December 2021 (Last Year). This is in line with how Host Gator reports and represents more accurately any annual changes in activity on our website.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2021	1,338	2,129	7,088	10,569
Feb 2021	1,435	2,300	6,525	9,079
Mar 2021	1,811	2,818	9,688	13,106
Apr 2021	2,084	3,494	13,526	15,844
May 2021	2,448	4,531	14,743	16,369
Jun 2021	2,188	4,219	13,535	14,994
Jul 2021	1,973	3,491	11,240	12,489
Aug 2021	2,367	4,065	12,167	13,638
Sep 2021	2,219	4,010	12,928	15,183
Oct 2021	3,021	5,566	14,164	17,445
Nov 2021	3,624	7,268	17,828	21,619
Dec 2021	3,381	6,561	15,523	19,368

Jan 2021	Total	27,889	50,452	148,955	179,703
Dec 2021	Monthly Avg	2,324	4,204	12,413	14,975

Jun 2020	Total	24,000	46,513	157,016	196,576
May 2021	Monthly Avg	2,000	3,876	13,085	16,381

Jun 2019	Total	30,975	57,649	202,914	240,361
May 2020	Monthly Avg	2,581	4,804	16,910	20,030

Jun 2018	Total	21,052	47,897	165,299	221,483
May 2019	Monthly Avg	1,754	3,991	13,775	18,457

Jun 2017	Total	20,303	40,547	156,753	280,962
May 2018	Monthly Avg	1,692	3,379	13,063	23,414

Our 6 top viewers were from		Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
United States	us	45,164	55,241	5.89 GB
India	in	7,734	8,240	506.64 MB
Great Britain	gb	7,465	8,459	714.57 MB
Canada	ca	5,243	16,827	2.23 GB
China	cn	3,387	4,778	1.54 GB
Germany	de	2,683	3,638	1.00 GB

The most downloaded files were: The Newsletters, & In the Hints and Tips: How to Make a Spindle Steady Rest, Ted Monk, Tapered Stave Calculations, Richard Ford & Deep Drilling, David McLachlan.

The website hosting is paid every 3 years. The last invoice was US\$ 250.20 Paid June 8th 2020 (Due again in 2023)

The Domain Name is paid every year. Last invoice was US\$ \$18.99 Paid Feb 2022

Note in 2023 the website hosting will cost the club US\$ 270 if there are no increases in fees.

Richard Ford.....

Motions for Voting

a. Motion: Withdrawal from American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

Whereas the NWG originally joined the AAW primarily for the free liability coverage, and
whereas such coverage has been eliminated for all chapters outside of the USA, and
whereas the AAW requires that all Guild executive be members of AAW and the NWG
budgets the costs of membership for Executive members each year,
It is moved that the NWG withdraw from membership as a chapter of the AAW
Moved by: Gary Landry, President

b. Motion: Dues increase for Meeting space rental

Whereas COVID-19 restrictions have resulted in the loss of the Guild's former free
meeting space, and
whereas alternate free meeting space has been difficult to locate, and
whereas many of our former members have declined to renew membership until we
are meeting in person, and
whereas paying for rental meeting space cannot be covered with our current
membership dues,
it is moved that if the NWG has to pay for meeting space the annual dues shall be set at
an amount required so as to cover meeting space costs and not affect normal
functions. and activities.
Moved by: Gary Landry, President

c. Motion: Conferring Life Membership

Whereas Don Moore is one of the founding members of the Nova Woodturners Guild,
and
whereas Don has studied and taught the art of woodturning for many years, and
whereas Don has been recognized by several prominent organizations, including Craft
NS, for his skill and artistry, and
whereas Don has for many years contributed significantly to the success of the Guild,
It is moved that the status of Life Member be conferred on Don Moore in recognition of
these contributions to the Guild and the creation of turned art in wood.
Moved by: Calum Ewing, Secretary